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SUBJECT: CODEL SCOTT: HIGHLIGHTS OF SCOTT MEETING WITH CHIAO KUAN-HUA

1. IN THE COURSE OF A TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH CODEL SCOTT ON JULY 12 (WHICH NCNA HAS TERMED FRIENDLY AND CANDID), PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA RATHER STERNLY REBUTTED SEN. SCOTT'S SUGGESTION THAT THE U.S. SIDE COULD BETTER DEAL WITH AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION IF IT POSSESSED AN UNDERSTANDING ON PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE; CHIAO CALLED THIS "SELF-CONTRADICTION" AND INCONSISTENT WITH THE US SIDE'S "ORIGINAL ATTITUDE" EXPRESSED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CHINA. TERMING THE NORMALIZATION PROBLEM AN ISSUE OF "RIGHT OR WRONG" CONCERNING WHICH THE U.S. SIDE IS QUITE CLEAR, CHIAO RESTATED THE "CONSISTENT CHINESE POSITION" THAT THE US MUST AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR NORMALIZATION WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS FROM TAIWAN, ABROGATE THE DEFENSE TREATY, AND SEVER DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH TAIWAN, HE STRESSED, AND REITERATED, THAT THE US SIDE IS WHOLLY TO BLAME FOR FAILURE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS. PRESSED TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE QUESTION OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO TAIWAN, CHIAO REPLIED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS AN OLD ONE, CHINA'S CONDITIONS WELL-KNOWN, AND THE US CULPABILITY IN THE MATTER ESTABLISHED. ALMOST AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT, CHIAO ADDED THE STANDARD DISCLAIMER OF ANY CHINESE INTENT TO "PRESS" THE US IF THE US GOVERNMENT HAD "DIFFICULTIES."

2. CHIAO'S SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF SUNDRY ASIAN AND EUROPEAN
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